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HOW THIS PROVINCE PAYS.

From the year 1886 to 1900, both inclusive, the amount of revenue collected in British Columbia in connection with Marine and Fisheries amounted to \$348,903.62, while the total expenditure during those years was only \$90,560.68, leaving an excess of revenue amounting to \$258,432.94. This is not a very large sum of money to be distributed over fifteen years, but we venture to say that if any of the Maritime Provinces could make such a showing, there would be the loudest kind of a clamor for fair play.

We do not think that any one in British Columbia has the least desire to raise questions which will needlessly embarrass the Dominion government in carrying on the affairs of Canada, but this is no reason why the greatest pressure should not be put upon the federal authorities, not so much to secure the expenditure here of something more nearly approaching what we pay in to the revenue, but to show not only the government, but all the people of Canada, that it will pay the country to spend money for development purposes here. One of the difficulties with which any government of Canada has to contend in dealing with Western projects, for which assistance is asked from the treasury, is to convince their Eastern supporters that such appropriations will be profitable. The Eastern man knows very well that he cannot show a direct profit to the treasury arising out of such expenditures by railway subsidies. He may be able to show that immediately concurrent with the building of railways there is an augmentation of receipts in the way of customs and excise, but this does not continue, and it is due to the temporary stimulus given to business. British Columbia presents a different sort of case. Open this province by a railway, in any part of its vast area, and there is at once an appreciation in the amount of revenue collected, and the increase continues annually. This is demonstrable so as to place it above all question. No government has yet been induced to admit this, and for the very good reason that if they did they would be logically compelled to adopt a policy of liberal development. The government of the province has pressed this matter very strongly upon the attention of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues. The Colonist has done what it could in the same direction. If we remember aright, the legislature has presented the idea to Ottawa by way of resolution. It formed the basis of the railway aid policy of the Turner administration. Whether it will obtain recognition this year we do not know. We are very hopeful that it will. If it does not, it will remain the duty of the government, the legislature and the press of the province to continue to urge it upon the attention of the people of the East. Our cause is wholly just, and in the end will prevail.

BOUNTY ON IRON.

We have already referred to Mr. Aulay Morrison's speech in parliament against bounties on iron and steel, and expressed the view that he ought not as a British Columbian to object to these on the eve of the possible establishment of large iron-producing plants in this province. We have at hand the Hansard report of the remarks of Mr. Morrison and Col. Prior. The latter said that he thought Mr. Morrison was going to urge the extension of the bounty system to British Columbia. He added, referring to the member from New Westminster:

He knows that the people of British Columbia look forward to a not far distant day when we shall have iron works started there ourselves, and he must know that it is impossible to get such works started without a bounty. I do not understand why he should have so much anxiety concerning the large amount Canada may have to pay. As the honorable Finance Minister has

pointed out, whenever an amount is paid for bounty, there is considerably more added to the wealth of Canada, as on every ton of iron manufactured a large sum of money is paid out in wages and material.

Col. Prior then referred to a resolution passed by the Convention of B. C. Boards of Trade held at Greenwood, asking for a \$5 bounty per ton on lead of provincial origin smelted and refined here. He declared himself in favor of such a bounty, and added:

I am sorry to see an honorable gentleman get up and endeavor to lead this house to believe that the people he represents are not in favor of the bounty system, but are with me. Let me say that even if \$5 million be expended in bounties, we would get an ample return for our expenditure from the work done in the smelters. In British Columbia the business interests are not only asking for a bounty on lead refining, but are looking forward to government assistance to the shipbuilding industry in Vancouver and Victoria. In fact, we hope soon to see the day when the Pacific Coast will be the great manufacturing section of the Dominion.

Mr. Morrison did not have an opportunity of replying, as the debate took place on a motion to go into supply, but Col. Prior's remarks were simply an answer to his position, which was one of hostility to the further extension of the bonus principle, so it is not very clear that he could have made any effectual response, even if he had had the opportunity of speaking again.

TERMS FOR THE BOERS.

We think the consensus of opinion will be that the terms offered by the Imperial government to the Boers were as liberal as could be expected, and a great deal more so than equalled by any historical precedent. Amnesty to all the burghers who surrender, and the immediate return of the prisoners in St. Helena, Ceylon and elsewhere, the immediate establishment of civil government, with representative institutions to follow as soon as possible, the use of the Dutch language, the right to keep rifles for defense against natives, and an agreement to pay £1,000,000 of the debts of the republics, even though incurred during the war, constitute terms that are exceptionally lenient. It is not quite clear why Botha rejected the terms offered, although he said at one stage that it was hardly possible to come to any agreement that did not provide for independence. This is an absurd stipulation. The burghers are in no position to talk about independence. Fancy the Imperial government at this stage of affairs agreeing to give the Boers their independence. The thing is too ridiculous for consideration. It is to be regretted that Botha takes this view of the case, for the only effect is to prolong useless hostilities.

THE WEATHER.

"Climat" is the name of a publication just issued in St. Petersburg, and to be issued regularly on the 1st and 15th of each month, devoted to meteorological questions. The editor is N. A. Demchinsky. It is printed in Russian, French, English and German. The editor thinks it may be possible to make "exact forecasts of the weather for any period in advance," and believes that the data compiled by him and submitted to the last Meteorological Congress in Paris "affords grounds for the conviction that the weather may be predicted several years beforehand." He claims to have demonstrated that the chief factor in determining the weather is the moon's attraction. We quote from the prospectus:

Mr. Demchinsky's theory has already stood the test of experience. Last year, for example, the day of the morning frost in May was duly predicted for the Moscow region. In like manner, the days dry period in June was foretold with the practical suggestion to farmers in Central Russia to save their hay. The Russian press for the month of March contained an article by Mr. Demchinsky giving a forecast of the harvest (spring and winter corn) to be expected in Russia, which was fully borne out by the result. The September frosts and the beginning of the Russian winter were predicted with equal accuracy. Finally, in an interview with the "Morning Post," Mr. Demchinsky when he expected the closing of navigation, the 1st of wired in reply a month beforehand. Navigation will close the 20th October, which was exactly fulfilled.

The despatches show that the position of the Czar is well nigh intolerable. What will the outcome of this condition of things be?

The Times thinks that the passage of Mr. Garden's resolution about a duty on lumber coming from the United States "will avail nothing." That is as it may be, but even if our contemporary is right, that would not afford a reason why the resolution should not be passed.

BOUNTY ON IRON.

The tension between Russia and Great Britain in China has been relieved, but only, it appears, after a force of marines had been sent to assist the Hindu troops. The official announcement is that Russia has accepted the terms of settlement proposed by the Imperial government.

The women practitioners of medicine in Toronto have established a Dispensary for Women, where they may be attended by physicians of their own sex. It has proved very successful, and an effort is being made to raise \$100,000 to establish a Canadian Hospital for Women. Each woman in Canada is asked to send 25 cents "for one foundation brick." The appeal is signed by Lady Taylor, Bertha Dymond, M.D., and Rosina G. D. Hume, M.D. Subscriptions should be made payable to the Registrar of the Ontario Medical College for Women.

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The Tyee Copper Co. are erecting more buildings and work is going ahead speedily. The company have 50 men employed.

The Lefona company are adding to their already large force of men.

A concert under the able direction of Misses Nicholas and Cutler is promised for next week.

Messrs. O'Neal and Beaumont, employees of the Tyee company, have received an offer of \$500 for an invention for which they have made application in the United States for a patent. They refused the offer.

Mr. J. W. W. Stewart, of Vancouver, Provincial Manager of The Imperial Life Assurance Company, is in the city this week, looking for reliable representation for Vancouver Island.

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PROVINCIAL Legislature

Progress Made in the Public School and Placer Mines Bills.

Many Notices of Motion Given For Next Monday's Sitting.

Legislative Assembly, 19th day.

Friday, March 22.

The Speaker took the chair at 2:15 p.m.

Rev. Baugh Allan offered prayer.

Mr. Brown called attention to an editorial paragraph in the Victoria Daily Times which stated that "the bill providing for the increase of taxation was passed to its second reading without a division. The sentiment of the country is so antagonistic to that we hope the minister of education, Mr. Prentice, will consent to some radical amendments in committee. If he considers it due to his position to stick to his guns he will make a mistake. The people will spike them as soon as they get an opportunity."

He thought the paper should be more careful in reporting the proceedings of the house. It was unfortunate that such a report should go abroad, on a subject in which the whole country was so deeply interested.

REPORTS.

Mr. Helmcken presented the eighteenth report of the private bills committee, as follows:

Petition No. 70a, petition of Kootenay Central Railway, inasmuch as while publication was sufficient, the provisions of rule 57 were not complied with, but have since been.

Your committee are of the opinion that, as the proposed bill is presumably in the public interest, the standing orders should be suspended, so as to admit of the bill being introduced, and recommend the same accordingly.

The report was received, the standing orders were suspended and the report was adopted.

Mr. Pooley presented the twelfth report from the railway committee, as follows:

The preamble proved an Act to amend the Arrowhead and Kootenay Railway Company Act, 1898, and submit the same herewith with amendments.

The preamble proved an Act to Incorporate the Comox and Cape Scott Railways Company, and submit the same herewith with amendments.

FIRST READINGS.

Mr. E. Smith, East Kootenay, presented a bill to incorporate the Kootenay Central Railway Company, which was received and read first time.

On motion of Mr. Martin, an Act to amend Chapter 31 of the Statutes of 1900, being the Shops Regulation Act, 1900, was read a first time.

RAILWAY LAND GRANTS.

Mr. E. Smith, East Kootenay, presented the bill respecting certain Railway Land Grants, which was carried on the following division:

Yeas: McPherson, Kidd, Green, Houston, Hall, McPhillips, Helmcken, Turner, Dunsingh, Eberts, A. W., Haywood, Fulton, Clifford, Tatlow, Haywood, Rogers, Hunter, Taylor, Dickey, Moore—26.

Nays: Messrs. McNease, Stables, E. C. Smith, Oliver, Haworth, E. W. Brown, Martin, Curtis, Munro—9.

QUESTIONS.

Mr. Fulton asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:

1. Is it the intention of the provincial board of health to make regulations under the provisions of the Health Act, dealing with pulmonary tuberculosis?

2. What was the result of the sanitary convention recently held at Ottawa?

3. Will the government take into consideration the question of granting assistance to a sanitarium in this province?

The Hon. Mr. Eberts replied as follows:

"1. The question has not yet been considered."

"2. In answer to this question, I beg to say that the report of Dr. C. J. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health, who attended the convention, will be laid before the house."

"3. The matter is under consideration."

Mr. Houston asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:

Is it the intention of the government to bring down legislation to suppress the delegation nuisance during sessions of the legislative assembly?

The Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir answered as follows:

"No."

PLACER MINING ACT.

The consideration of the amendments to the Placer Mining Act was resumed

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be made before this Honorable House all reports made by a member of the provincial government to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and any report made by any member of the Dominion government, upon the statutes passed by the legislature of this province at the last session, together with all correspondence relating to all of the reports.

By Mr. McNease—On Tuesday next—Questions of the Hon. the Minister of Education:

1. Did the council of Public Instruction issue a Manual of School Law last November?

2. Did it require all public schools to be conducted according to the provisions thereof?

3. Were the books authorized for reading thereby then published? If not, are they now published, and when were they published?

4. Was drawing made compulsory in all grades?

5. Were the drawing books authorized then published? If not, are they now published, and when were they published?

6. Has the said council sent notice to the teachers at any time that November last, permitting them to teach reading or drawing in any other books than those authorized in the Manual? If so, when?

7. Did the Council order Sykes' Composition to be taught?

8. Can the lessons in Sykes' Composition be taught without a Bible?

9. Can the said lessons be learned without a Bible?

SESSIONAL NOTES.

The private bills committee will meet in the Maple committee room on Monday, the 25th day of March, instant, at 10 a.m. sharp, to consider the under-mentioned bills:

An Act to incorporate the District Power and Telephone Company.

An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Mining Association.

An influential delegation, representing North, East and West Yale, waited on the government yesterday to urge the construction of the Coast-Kootenay railway. The delegates were introduced to the ministers by the members for Yale district, and their case was ably pleaded by Messrs. Jas. Anderson, A. C. Howse, Thos. Murphy and D. H. Parkinson. The speakers made a strong appeal to the ministers and insisted that any road receiving government aid should be a competitor with the C. P. R.

Hon. Mr. McBride said that the C. P. R. assured the delegates that the government would make the best possible bargain in the interest of Yale district and of the whole province. He was not prepared to say that the government would favor one company more than another, the object was to secure the construction of the road cheaply and advantageously to the province, and whatever company was prepared to give substantial guarantees of its ability to construct and operate the road, while conceding the regulation of freight and passenger rates and a percentage of earnings to the province, would secure the contract. The delegation will have another conference with the government early next week.

Mr. McBride said such action would destroy the whole bill.

Hon. Mr. McBride pointed out the sparseness of population and the large area over which it was scattered in some of the rural municipalities, which rendered it impossible to apply the same regulation as in the cities.

Mr. Oliver claimed that the bill was intended to gradually shift the whole burden of the cost of their schools to the rural municipalities.

The section was finally adopted.

The clause relating to cities of the second class was amended to include all incorporated cities and towns wherein the actual daily attendance equals or exceeds 250 and up to 900.

Mr. Houston proposed that the city councils should have representation on the boards of school trustees. This was defeated.

An amendment providing that trustees shall be elected for two years was adopted, subject to the provisions of section 27.

Section 6 was allowed to stand over.

Mr. Martin moved that sub-section 2 of section 7, providing a property qualification of \$500 be struck out. Mr. Garden, Capt. Tatlow, Mr. Haywood, Mr. Brown and Mr. Haworth favored the bill.

Mr. McPhillips would support the amendment, if it was agreed that the powers of trustees, under section 14, be limited.

He moved that the matter be allowed to stand over, which was agreed.

Mr. Clifford moved that section 9, abolishing the power of city councils to examine the books and accounts of the trustees, be struck out, Messrs. Martin, Brown, Curtis, Turner, Garden, Houston and Helmcken supported the motion, which was adopted.

Mr. Helmcken presented the eighteenth report of the private bills committee, as follows:

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Mr. Helmcken and Hall accompanied a delegation from the Marine Engineers Association, which waited on Hon. Mr. Wells yesterday, to make suggestions regarding the proposed law relating to steam boiler inspection and the qualifications of engineers. Mr. Wells noted the suggestion of the delegates and thanked them for having brought the subject to his attention.

The section was finally adopted.

It is understood that Mr. Helmcken will introduce a bill at the present session to provide against the registration of naturalized Chinese and Japanese as voters.

By a slip of the pen the Colonist reported yesterday that Mr. Curtis' resolution asking for certain returns showing the volume of business transacted in the courts of the province, was defeated. This resolution was adopted.

In the corridors of the House yesterday was seen the figure of Dr. Hugh Watt, familiar to many of the older members as once having been a member of the legislature from Cariboo, for which riding he at one time sat as fellow-member with Mr. S. R. Rogers, one of the sitting members. Dr. Watt is now resident at Port Steveston, and has come to the coast for a visit. He is a guest of his son, Dr. Watt, Donisthorpe quarantine officer.

Section 10 was adopted, and the committee rose and reported.

The house then adjourned till Monday, 27th inst, at 2 p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Mr. Houston—On Wednesday next:

We recur the question of granting a charter for a railway from the town's Nest Pass road to the international boundary.

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Bible Society.

At the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society officers were elected as follows: President, N. Shakespeare; secretary-treasurer, Geo. Carter; executive committee, Walter Morris, S. M. Okell, E. A. Jacob, Thornton Fell, Donald Fraser, Arthur Lee, D. McLaren, Christopher Spencer, J. McKenzie, John Ward, R. C. McRae, and the pastors of the various churches represented.

The annual report submitted by the secretary, which follows, was adopted:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In presenting the annual report of the Victoria branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, I only regret that the secretary, Mr. George Carter, on account of a business trip he has taken was not here to present it himself. I consented to act during his absence on the distinct understanding that he would be here to make out the annual report and present it himself. However, as he has not yet arrived home, I am here to give you a partial report of the last year's work so far as I am able to do so.

The executive, which is composed of a minister and laymen from each church who care to join in the work, held six executive meetings during the year for the despatch of business. Our present colporteur, Mr. E. Lane, has done valuable work for the society during the ten months he has been engaged, and perhaps it is only fair to him to state that while the reports cover only part of his time for the actual time spent, he is only paid for the actual time spent, and in reality our report is for six months' work. Mr. Lane, owing to indisposition and having to attend to his sick horse, was unable to be in the field all the time during the year.

Mr. Lane canvassed the Island as far up as Comox, and also some part of the Mainland, including Vancouver and New Westminster. He has travelled on land 1,826 miles, made 4,820 visits, and sold 517 copies of the Scriptures, given away 55 copies, found 70 families without the Bible, and when you consider the distance between the different localities, and the roads travelled, you will not be surprised to learn that his partner, his horse, gave up the work. The following is a list of the amounts contributed by the various churches of this city to the Bible Society this year, and their annual subscription to this work:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, \$240; First Presbyterian church (not yet reported); St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, \$5.60; Metropolitan Methodist church, \$7.15; Centennial Methodist church, \$18.00; Victoria West Methodist, \$5.00; James Bay Methodist church (not yet reported); Reformed Episcopal church (not yet reported); Congregational church, \$3.65.

We are expecting to be in possession of subscriptions from those churches who have not yet reported at an early date.

We cannot attach too much importance to God's revealed word, as it supplies

the want required by hundreds of young converts, particularly in this Western country, and if we want them to become strong, muscular Christians, it can only be as their thirst is quenched and their love deepened for the constant and prayerful study of the Word of God. To neglect the Bible is to neglect God and injure ourselves, for it not only gives us the soundest principles on which to shape our lives, but it affords to every reader ample materials to make him a better Christian. The Bible Society do not wish to be understood as spreading disparagingly of the many and excellent and useful volumes that are before the Christian public from the pens of some of the greatest minds this world has ever produced, and whose writings deserve the attention of those who have the means to purchase them, and the time to read them.

Let me add a sentence from a former report. The great object of the society which we term part is the giving of the Bible, without note or comment, to the various nations of the earth.

We have on hand in the depository in this city 451 volumes, valued at \$331.00, besides 650 books and booklets in foreign languages.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR LEE,
Sec. pro tem.

It was moved by Rev. D. MacRae, seconded by Mr. S. M. Okell, and carried:

Whereas it is contemplated to organize a branch of the Bible Society in every principal centre in the province; and

Whereas, a colporteur is employed at our recommendation, in British Columbia, by the Upper Canada Bible Society, and,

Whereas, said colporteur is doing good work in distributing the Bible in frontier settlements, mining camps and among sailors and mariners; and,

Whereas, the expense of carrying on said colporteur's work is considerable,

We hereby strongly commend the work of the Upper Canada Bible Society to the earnest prayer, the hearty co-operation and liberal support of the Christian people, not only in the bounds of the branch of the city of Victoria, but throughout the whole province of British Columbia.

Rev. E. S. Rowe moved, and it was seconded by Mr. J. B. McKilligan, and carried:

We the Victoria branch of the Bible Society assembled at the annual meeting, hereby express our great satisfaction in the progress which the British and Foreign Bible Society has made during the year just ended, and our approval of the economy with which the work of the society is carried on and our confidence in the central board of directors who so wisely uses the lubricating oil of grace on the journals of machinery, that there is no jarring, heating or breaking; and our thankfulness that the platform is so broad that all Christians can unite their prayers and their labors without any compromise of individual convictions, or ecclesiastical principles; and are sorry that Her Most Gracious Majesty, our beloved Queen, who always took much interest in the work of the society, has been called to the great beyond; and we extend to her son, King Edward VII, and the royal family, sympathy in their bereavement.

Before joining the society tendered a vote of thanks to the management of the First Presbyterian church for the use of the same and to the choir for assisting.

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Heavily Fined.—In the city police court yesterday morning, Peter Marvo was fined \$100 and \$3.50 costs, for supplying liquor to an Indian woman. William Russwurm pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing a watch and chain from Murdoch MacDonald, of the outer dock, and being an old offender, was sentenced to a year with hard labor. Russwurm served a previous term here and also a term in the Nainaimo jail.

Free Fight.—During the early hours of yesterday morning a party of white men came across a party of Japanese abusing a woman on Chatham street. They remonstrated and took the woman to her house. They went in with her, and upon one of them coming out again, he was attacked by the Japs and rather severely beaten, being cut about the head and stabbed in the back. His cries for help attracted Constable Abbott, who effected the arrest of Nagawawa, one of the Japs. The case was called in the police court yesterday and remanded until Monday at the request of the police, who wished time in which to secure evidence and possibly more prisoners.

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WELCOME TO GRAND MASTER

Provincial Head of I. O. O. F
Entertained by the Victoria Brethren.

A large representation of Odd Fellows assembled in their hall last evening to welcome the grand master of the order in British Columbia, Bro. W. E. Johnston, of Vancouver, who arrived in the city by the Charmer yesterday. It was the regular meeting night of Peerless Lodge, and, for the entertainment of the Grand Master and visiting brethren, the first degree was conferred on a member of that lodge. The team was composed of members of Peerless and Columbia lodges, and was in charge of Bro. G. T. Fox, team captain of the latter lodge. The Grand Master expressed the pleasure it afforded him to witness the degree, and praised the manner in which the work had been performed. After adjournment, tables were spread in the hall and a goodly company sat down to a splendid oyster supper prepared by Bro. J. H. Sabine. The chair was taken by Bro. James Pottinger, D. G. M., having on his right the guest of the evening and Grand Warden A. Graham, Grand Treasurer G. T. Fox and Past Grand Master A. Henderson, and on his left Grand Representative P. Dempster. Past Grand Master J. E. Phillips, and other prominent members of the order in close proximity. After some time had been devoted to satisfying the inner man, an excellent programme of toasts, songs, etc., followed and the hour was late when the proceedings terminated. In responding to the toast of the "Grand Lodge of British Columbia," with which the name of the Grand Master was coupled, he told of the difficulty he had experienced in visiting all the lodges in the jurisdiction, owing to the fact that they were so far apart, more particularly in the upper country. There were at the present time, 42 lodges of the order in British Columbia with a membership of about 3,000 men, and when there were 50 lodges, the jubilee of Odd Fellowship in the province would be celebrated by a grand demonstration of some kind. The Grand Master also put in a good word for the projected Odd Fellows' home, and trusted a united effort would be made to make it an assured fact.

Excellent music was provided by an efficient orchestra in charge of Bro. W. Jackson, which contributed much to the evening's enjoyment.

The Grand Master will be taken in charge to-day by members of the order and made acquainted with some of the beautiful drives and otherwise looked after. In the afternoon he will leave by the E. & N. railway for Duncan, where he will be the guest of the lodge at that pretty village this evening.

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GOSSIPING NEIGHBORS.

People will talk, and when neighbors get together there is a likelihood to be something said about Dr. Chase's Ointment, and the surprising cures it is effecting among sufferers with iles and itching skin diseases. It is by word of mouth, from friend to friend, that the name of the great ointment has circled the globe. It stands to-day as the only actual and guaranteed cure for every form of itching, bleeding and pruritic piles.

THE DAY IN COURT.

Sitting of the Full Court—Applications in Chambers.

The Full court yesterday heard the conclusion of Stevenson v. Parks. Judgment was reserved.

IN CHAMBERS.

Warren V. Gendle; to dismiss action; abandoned. Mr. Lawton for plaintiff; Mr. Gilmore for defendant.

McCauley v. Hamilton; application for examination, de vere esse; order quashed; costs to plaintiff; Mr. Lawson for defendant.

Re Annie Holt, deceased; application for letters of administration; order made. Mr. Waller for applicant.

Re Colin Cameron, deceased; application for letters of administration; order made. Mr. Schultz for applicant.

Ross v. Cummings, Silver Queen mines garnishee; application for garnishee order; order made, returnable at Rossland on the 20th inst.

BULLOCK'S ESCAPE.

Boys in Reformatory Made Key from Chair Leg to Open Door.

Young Bullock, who, with another boy, Emery, made his escape from the provincial reformatory a few days ago, is safe in Seattle, the authorities having decided not to attempt to bring him back, as his father threatened to fight extradition. The police learned on Thursday that Bullock was in Seattle and that his father had taken him over. They also learned that it was he who entered Frank Nelson's house and stole a gold watch and chain. The provincial authorities decided not to go to the expense of bringing him back to complete his term, but the city police were anxious to recover Mr. Nelson's chain, and they telegraphed the Seattle authorities, and the boy was arrested. In advising Chief Langley of the arrest, the Seattle chief notified him that the father of the boy intended to fight against extradition, and as the cost to the city would be considerable, an answer was sent to the boy unless he would voluntarily return. This he refused to do.

In their search for Bullock and Emery, the latter of whom was arrested a couple of days ago, the city police learned how the boys escaped from the reformatory, and the method adopted stamp Bullock as a boy of more than average intelligence. He is only 12 years of age, and it appears in some way to hold the key to the reformatory door, and taking a drawing of it, made a counterpart of the key of a hardwood chair. The wooden key which the police found at the boy's home is perfectly made. It was a rather difficult one to copy, there being many wards in it, and it was a doubtful key.

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Business Change.—Earl Smith has sold
his interest in the Factory Shoe Store
and has left the city.

Donated to the Hospital.—W. J. Kelly,
secretary of the "Longshoremen's Association,"
writes to the Colonist: "There were a
great many contributions towards the
fund for the burial expenses of the late
Thomas Hunter, and there being a surplus
of \$18.75, the union has donated that
sum to the Jubilee hospital."

Two Concerts.—There were two con-
certs in the districts of Victoria, both of
which were attended by a number of
Victorians. The R. T. of T. gave an entertain-
ment at the Home for the Aged and Infirm,
for the benefit of the inmates, and a concert was given at Cedar
Hill in aid of the fund to purchase
the furniture for a gymnasium for the
school.

To Reconsider.—Ald. Yates has given
notice at the next meeting of the
council he will move that the motion
passed at a recent meeting to receive
and lay on the table until the considera-
tion of the estimates of the petition of E. M.
Johnson and others, be reconsidered.
This is the petition asking for a paid
fire department, and it is understood to
be the wish of Ald. Yates to settle the
question in open council before the es-
timates are framed.

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IN CHAMBERS.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE DESTRUCTION OF DEER.

Sir—I have been requested to endeavor to enlist your sympathies and interest, as well as that of your readers, in the matter of better protection for deer in this province. As the law now stands it seems that the Indians can kill deer with impunity all the year round, and complaints are pouring in from all sides of the wholesale massacre of deer in this, the Victoria district. The Indian, who is killing the deer in favor and mowing them down in dozens with repeating rifles, indiscriminately. This district in years past has been a favorite resort for hunters in the fall, as game was plenty, but now there is not one deer for every ten that was a year or two ago, and in five years from now there will not be a deer left in this vicinity if this wanton destruction is allowed to continue. Would it not be better for all to place the Indian on the same footing as the white man, making him amenable to the game laws also and let us all have deer for years to come? Deer at this time of the year are very little use for food, being in poor condition, and are easily approached, so that they are completely at the mercy of the relentless Indian, who hounds them with dogs and shoots them without mercy, the does, it is feared, being the most sought after. We are there that you will request the action of the buffalo, which today would be roaming the prairies, had they been protected in time? Must our lovely woods and valleys be made desolate wastes devoid of animal life; our streams depleted of fish owing to Indian fish traps on account of our apathy and the improvidence of that scourge of civilization, the degraded Indian? Are not there some amongst us who will emulate the example of such men as enacted the Lacey game law in the United States, and earn the approbation of hundreds amongst us now and the gratitude of thousands after we have gone to our "Happy Hunting Grounds"? Let us then all unite and endeavor to impress upon the minds of our representatives the urgent necessity of immediate steps being taken to revise the game law of this province, and provide for our woods and rivers, God's beautiful creatures and fishes, and restrain the destroying hand of the ruthless red man.

Yours truly,
A. T. BICKFORD,
Vernon, B. C.

Vernon, March 18.

SOUND MAIL SERVICE.

Sir—Knowing the efforts you have made in order to secure the best possible mail service to Puget Sound points, we feel sure the following will be of particular interest to you at this time, as showing the public the degree of importance to be attached to the claims of the Alaska S. S. Co., to which the latter give so much prominence, as to their having the best interests and welfare of the city of Victoria at heart. In operating the steamer Rosalie on this route, owing to an unfortunate accident having occurred to the steamer Schenck, the mail steamer at present being operated between Victoria and the Sound, we were advised at 6:00 p. m. today that our Port Townsend agent, that she had been forced to return to that port for repairs; her departure to be advised as later. We accordingly notified the postoffice by means of the telegraph, that we would not be able this night, and as we could get no additional information as to the probable length of her stay in Port Townsend, we requested the postoffice to despatch the outward Sound mail by the Rosalie. The mail was closed as usual at 6:00 p. m., and shortly afterwards we were informed the Alaska S. S. Co. notified the postoffice that the Rosalie would not carry the mail unless they, the A. S. S. Co., were paid the sum of \$50 cash. In consequence the mails will not be despatched until the Vancouver boat leaves at 1:00 a. m. tomorrow, and therefore will not be in Seattle until 5:00 p. m. Saturday. By kindly inserting the above in your paper, you will greatly oblige.

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MEETINGS AND AMUSEMENTS

Appended is the very meritorious programme which the Bandmaster Flinn announces for this evening's promenade concert at the drill hall. Notable among the musical numbers to be played is Roselli's overture, "Cinderella," which received its first hearing at this concert. Kalantratus, the equilist, is to be the extra attraction and will perform at 9:30 o'clock. The complete programme follows:

PART I.

1. Overture—"Cinderella" Roselli
2. Paganini—"Larchey" Masvidal
3. Chor. Piece—"Polish Dance"

PART II.

5. Selection fr. "The Fortune Teller" Herbert
6. Kalantratus, Juggler and Hoop Roller.
7. Chor. Piece—"A Chinese Episode" Bendaix

8. Medley Selection—"The Xmas" Flinn
"God Save the King."

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The Village Parson will be strongly in evidence at the Victoria Theatre on Monday evening. It is a drama constructed on possible

stories, these being linked with the fact that each part seems to have been written for the artist who is engaged to play it, so carefully has the company been selected. The play is considered one of the most powerful and interesting of the present day. It may be second only to that beautiful drama "Human Hearts," but general belief has been expressed that it should be placed first. The interest gradually increases as the piece proceeds, and reaches a stirring moment of a weak character. The Village Parson requires an elaborate production, and in this the management have been cognizant to provide the entire scenery for each act.

On Tuesday evening a meeting of the merchants and journeymen tailors will be held in the rooms above Salmon's cigar store. The evidence given by the tailors at the Royal Commission now sitting for the investigation of the immigration of Chinese and Japanese, will be gone through and future plans will be arranged.

The following are the names of the old timers who will take part in the concert in Temperance hall tonight: Mayor Hayward in the chair, ex-Mayor Redfern, Postmaster Shakespeare, A. Longfield, Professor W. H. Walker, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Brown, W. A. Robertson, J. Ross, M. Douglas, Mr. Crawford, Mr. McKay. Such a program cannot possibly have been equalled in any previous entertainment given in the city. Reminiscences in song and story of the old times will be a rare treat to the old timers and also to the more recent residents of the city. It will bring back memories of the old days to the pioneers of the province, and show the new comers that the old timers were not devoid of talent to provide amusement for themselves and others in the early days.

The directors of the Jubilee hospital meet on Tuesday evening at the Board of Trade rooms.

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